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Church News

Our Lady of Mercy

Allan Smith

One of our parishioners, William A Lucas, died on September 15th. Services were held at Our Lady of Mercy Church. He was a retired officer with the rank of Major in the United States Army. His World War Two tour of duty in the Calvary and Infantry included Alaska and the South Pacific Campaigns. He also served in the Korean Conflict. Major Lucas received the coveted Silver Star Military Decoration of Gallantry in Action. The concluding service for Major William A. Lucas, U.S. Army will be held in the Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia with a full Military Burial, including the 21 gun salute.

Robert Joseph Gozzi also died recently, and was buried at the St. Joseph's Cemetery in San Pablo. Bobby, as he was affectionately called, grew up in Point Richmond and was an altar server at Our Lady of Mercy in his youth. His father, Leopold, still lives in the parish; his mother died in 1979. The parish community offers sympathy and prayers to the father, sisters, family and friends of Robert Joseph Gozzi.

Rev. Denis J. Araujo, pastor of Our Lady of Mercy from 1983 to 1988, will be honored at the Concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving, with Bishop John Cummins of the Oakland Diocese in attendance, commemorating the Fiftieth Anniversary of Ordination to the Holy

Priesthood. This will take place on Sunday, the 16th of October 1994 at 12:15 in the afternoon, at Saint Isidore Church in Danville, California. The church is located on 445 La Gonda Way. All of his former parishioners and friends are invited to attend.

From the archives of Our Lady of Mercy:

On November 16, 1902, I baptized

BLANCHE ANGELINA VOELKER; born on September 14, 1902 of PETER VOELKER and HELENA RYAN. The godparents were FRANCIS AND MONA BAILEY.

Rev. M.P Scanlan, Rector

(This was the second baptism to take place in 1902 at Our Lady of Mercy Church, and was done at Richard's Hall as the church itself was being built at the time.)

Point Richmond Methodist

Jean Reynolds

The Sunday School started September 11th with a delicious breakfast of "Boy Scout" pancakes, prepared and served by Mid Dornan, Oretta Eaton and Helen Valentine. "Boy Scout" pancakes are those made with the recipe used by Troop 111 for their annual Boy Scout Breakfast. Somehow they always taste better when prepared in the church kitchen. Returning students included Dani Kurpad, Dendar Kurpad, Virginia Jones, Lynne Freta, Bethany Reynolds, David Reynolds, Cami Gates, and Trevor Gates. The adult class also resumed; classes for ages

HISTORY ASSOCIATION NOTES...

From the President

MID DORNAN

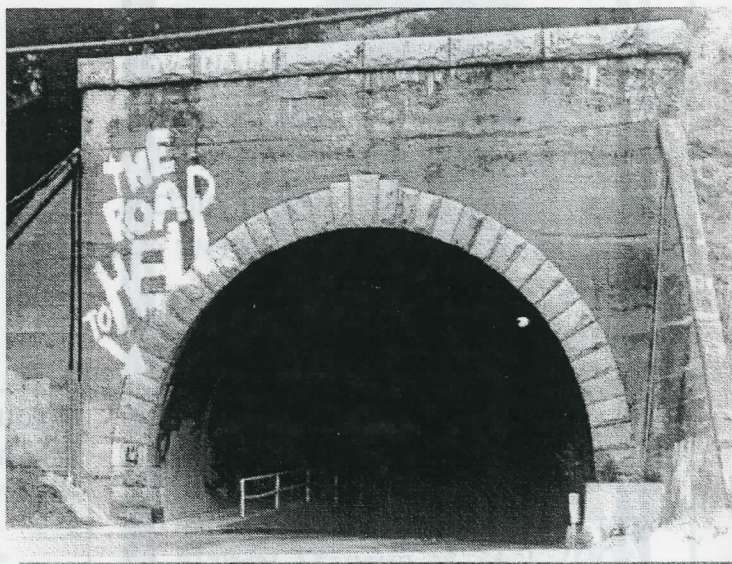
Can you remember the days before Television? What did you do with your time? What games did you play since Nintendo and video games weren't around? Where was the entertainment? What were movies like? Anyone remember the Silent Movies? Or when Talkies came to the screen? What did people do who weren't employed or were confined to their home? Do you think you were 'born too soon'?

There are many readers who have always known television and inquisitively ask, "What did you do without TV?"

Now, I'd like to ask that you take time to write answers to these and other questions and tell us about life before TV. What was the price of items like gasoline or bread or a movie when you were a kid? A column each month called, THE WAY IT WAS or some title would be a way you could share your experiences for today's readers as well as those in the future. Think about it....NOW reach for that pen and paper. Like Uncle Sam.....we want you!

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Here, we all know Point Richmond is really HOT, but.....
This "graffiti" was applied for some visual production with our city's blessings and was gone in less than a day.

Thank you to the following members who have renewed their membership:

Alice McMahon
Edna Hathaway
Louis Cunan
Mary J. Rudolph
Evelyn MacDonald
Vivien E. Cook
Winifred Shimel
Dorothy T. Rutnick
Carl & Pearle Westman
Hazel Tawney
Joe Savill
Spiro Cakos



*Janice Curry,
courtesy Richmond Museum of History*

And a warm welcome to new members:

Genevieve Miles
Stella Anellini Giovannini

*Museum Staff Coordinator Betty Dornan
thanks volunteers who staffed the History
Building:*

Bruce Bartram
Bernard Christiansen
Betty Dornan
Jerry Cerkanowicz
Mary Highfill
Liz McDonald
Russell Read

*Some of these folks also staffed
the Museum during the Summer but
were not mentioned in the last issue,
Sorry 'bout that!*

&

Our usual

Thank you!

to

Santa Fe Market

*for their donated distribution of
"THIS POINT....in time"*

If you can help staff our History Building
(2½ hours per month) call museum Staff
Coordinator Betty Dornan at 232-4317.

Museum Hours:

Thursday	11:30am - 2:00pm
Saturday	11:30 - 2:00pm

Editor's Notes

I had a bunch of little problems getting this one out on time so decided at the last minute to trim it down one page.

Sorry but no article from Capt. McDowel, I understand he has been on a leave of absence. Also, Mary Highfill's personal profile was not ready, hope to have it for the November issue. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

The deadline for articles for the November issue is October 21, 1994.

Thanks to the September Issue Assembly Crew:

Liz McDonald

Muriel Clausen

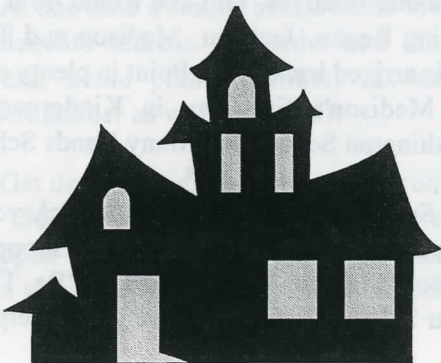
Mary Highfill

Pam Wilson

Anne Hanzlik

Jerry Cerkowicz

Gary Shows



"Many Hands"

Tom McGowan

Did you know that some states predict their future prison populations by checking the reading scores of second graders? The more students reading below grade level, the more prison space will be needed when those children reach late teen and early twenties.

Washington school wants to offer an early intervention reading program to bring its second graders up to speed. To do that will require about twenty volunteers. You don't need any special skills other than an ability to read. You will work with one child for an hour a day, five days a week for 12 to 18 weeks. You may do it at any our you choose. The difference you will make in that child's life is incalculable.

Will you help?

For more information, Contact Tom McGowan at 231-0244 or Nancy Transue at 262-7901.

A-Mid TRIVIA

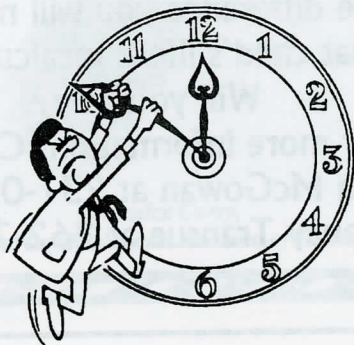
-Mid Dornan (510-234-5334)

Question: What is the estimated number of pigs it takes to supply the 22,000 footballs the NFL uses each season? Answer at end of Trivia.

For the first time in 90 years, since 1904...no baseball games. No play-offs! No World Series. No champions. The game survived two world wars and a recent earthquake. This is Baseball History and can't you already hear the question on future quiz shows?

Some dates learned in school never leave us. One of these is October 12, 1492, the date navigator Christopher Columbus (Cristoforo Colombo) first discovered the New World learned to a rhyme, "Fourteen Hundred and Ninety-two, Columbus sailed the ocean blue." Since holidays now fall on Mondays, Columbus Day is observed on October 10th this year.

Time for Daylight Savings to end on October 30th. Anyone else wish DST was permanent?



If you wish to vote in the November elections, you must be registered by October 11th.

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council at their September meeting voted to change meeting nights to the LAST TUESDAY of the month thereby enabling expediency to conform with City Planning Commission meetings. Notices will be mailed but you might note it on your calendar now.

HINT: Set out small dishes of vinegar to discourage yellow jackets in eating areas.

Best wishes to newlywed Joan Strauss and Daniel Ignosci, Jr. who were married September 24, 1994 at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church and will live in South Dakota.

Don't forget the popular ANNUAL COUNTRY FAIRE, Friday and Saturday, October 21 and 22 at the historic Point Methodist Church.

Traveling with four children, ages one to five, wouldn't be considered much of a vacation to some people. But Chris Bradshaw, who drove to North Dakota to visit her Grandmother and other relatives, said she would do it again. Taking Regan, Jackson, Madison and Taylor, Chris arrived back in the Point in plenty of time for Madison's first day in Kindergarten at Washington School, the Many Hands School.

Speaking of Washington School, you can earn dollars for this school just by shopping at Hilltop Mall which sponsors a "Be True to Your School Program." Save your receipts and

This Old House

by
Muriel C. Clausen

Chapter VI The Italianate House; Point Richmond Part Two

The cost and therefore availability of the Italianate was the reason why the Italianate style became so popular for housing in Europe during the nineteenth century. In fact it was probably because of this cost consideration that the Italianate was conceived by the English at all. This reason was directly tied to the Industrial Revolution. Before the Industrial Revolution, there was no middle class worker as we know them today. There were the poor, the laborers, the tradesmen, and the wealthy, but no "blue collar" workers as such.

This group influenced the development of some of the styles of houses currently popular in Europe. The Italianate was developed for or exactly filled this need. The English Italianate was far simpler and cheaper to build than the formal Italian city house, making it the desired form of housing. Thus it was possible for the average homeowner of the growing middle class to have his own private home, and a home with "style". In America too, from the early 1800's, a period of prosperity and growth occurred, directly tied as well to the Industrial Revolution.

The movement of the Italianate from Europe to America was a natural one. This period of prosperity in the United States lasted until just after the Civil War. After that, although there was a slow decline in the American economy, still the demand for this new middle class housing continued. To keep this period of the building of styles going, Plan Books of house designs became available, making houses even cheaper to build. These plan books had many styles included as well as the Italianate. Between 1876 and 1908, George and Charles Palliser published twenty (20) design books full of house plans with details for construction. These were distributed widely across the United States. Other designers did the same, with those by A.J. Downey being very popular. The styles in housing for the middle class spread from the East Coast to the Middle West and eventually to the West Coast, and by 1900 to Point Richmond. (There was another unique attempt to keep home building alive during the United States Post-Civil War recession, occurring from the 1850's in San Francisco and other port cities. This was the importation of prefabricated houses. These were likable wood houses in styles, assembled in England or Australia, disassembled, shipped to San Francisco, and reassembled. They were very popular but not in the vast sense of the plan book houses. To my knowledge, none of these came to early Point Richmond.)

There is a difference between European and East Coast Italianate and also between that which appears on the West Coast of the United States. The earlier East Coast Italianate was a more studied, pre-plan book English interpretation. It had a more formal shape with a great deal of architectural detail. The Central United States and the West Coast Italianate styles were most greatly affected by the plan

POINT METHODIST CHURCH HISTORY

-Mid Dornan

Church history is rich with contributions of women. One church group in the 1920's was the SOCIAL LEAGUE of the First Methodist Episcopal Church whose history is reflected in their minutes printed below and taken from the canvas covered, red leather cornered natebook which cost \$1.15. The minutes are printed as written. This is the 9th installment.

Tuesday, June 3rd, 1924

Social League met at M.E.

Church parlors with Mrs. Daisy Jenkins as hostess, 17 members present.

Meeting opened by repeating Lord's prayer.

Minutes previous meeting read and approved as read.

Luncheon report: Check received \$43.50, bills to pay \$15.12 - \$28.38 clear.

Motion bills be paid. Carried.

Motion list of am't of supplies to be filed. Carried.

Mrs. Redman and Mrs. Alexander to be in charge of all bazaar things turned in - all articles to have approximate price on it.

Motion next meeting be all day picnic at S. O. R & G Club. Carried

Motion meeting be adjourned. Carried.

Enna L. Parker, Secy

Cash on hand	18.64	
Bills for luncheon	15.12	3.52
(Ludwigs ham	7.00	
Jones	2.82	
Whitesides	5.30	
W.Side Improvement Club		43.50
Silver offering		1.85
Dues Oehne-.40, Scofiled-.40		
Parker .40, Burdick-.40, Owens-.40, Osborne-.40, Erickson-.40,		
Jones-.50, Martin-.50		3.80
		52.67

Our Lady of Mercy

Allan Smith

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turn them in at the Little Red School House located in the mall. No time to turn 'em in, just drop the receipts at Washington School and they will be happy to take them to the mall for credit.

Vertigo is a restaurant in the Transamerica building pinhead in San Francisco that Doug Washington and Nancy Mootz plan to open in December. Nancy, who has a MBA from Harvard, is one of the twelve pride and joy members of my class of '73 PaKaNena Horizon Camp Fire Girls sponsored by the Point Methodist Church.

University: An institution of higher learning with 2,000 classroom seats, 50,000 stadium seats and 200 parking spaces.

Former Roosevelt Junior High Journalism teacher, Annie Soo, was guest speaker at the Richmond Museum. Her topic, Chinese American Women, was illustrated with slides of early arrivals often showing their mistreatment. A popular teacher, Annie often invited classes to her Oakland home and as each person departed, she presented them with a slip from her Jade plant, a token of friendship. At least one of these plants not only survived the freeze a few years ago, but grows profusely wherever it is planted.

At one time a simple postal home town was an adequate address. Consider now the home address, home phone number, fax number, beeper number as well as E-mail!

Get used to daytime running lights on autos. The 1995 Geo Metro will be the first vehicle equipped with these lights, which automatically go on when the ignition is turned and remain on

at a reduced intensity during daylight hours. Such lights have been mandatory in Canada since 1990 and also in the Scandinavian Countries. There isn't any government mandate to install these lamps, but the visibility by motorists and pedestrians is evidence of the lights safety.

WoHeLo is a word recognized by all Camp Fire Girls to mean, Work, Health and Love. A Get Together in Alvarado Park is scheduled for Saturday, October 1st, 11:00 to 2:00 and is for all former Camp Fire Leaders, girls and friends. Pat Newton and Fran Smith are organizers and for more information, call 222-2999 or 237-1005.

There is something hypnotically watchable about old newsreels.

October 31st. Twilight. The doorbell rings. "Trick or Treat". It's Halloween! Beware of *The Witch Lady Eeles*.

Answer: According to Harper's Index, the NFL uses estimated 3,000 cows each season. pigs are in the "pigskin" ball.



books which had become simultaneously available as the population and housing demand spread Westward. These later plan book versions were more straightforward with simpler detail.

The East Coast Italianate homes like the English interpretations were closer to the early stone buildings of the Italian but built in the materials on hand: wood, stucco, and brick. The English and East Coast attempts to copy the stone buildings of the early Italian were most visible in the heavy foundations from the ground up to the raised first floor. These foundations were colored and textured to simulate stone. Above this rose the balance of the house in a lighter, wood frame construction, still keeping to the stone colors. Like the English there was a basic symmetry to the shape, sometimes with a central campanile tower rising up through the middle. The roof was low pitched with a center gable and with deeply overhanging eaves supported by heavily ornamented brackets. The corners of the roof were more heavily bracketed. Doors were tall and narrow, often with arches, pediments or hoods over them. Windows too were tall and narrow with wide framing or hoods over them. Balustrade balconies were added to the upper windows. However, in the United States, the Italianate version differed from the European version in some ways. The United States Italianate incorporated some new features to its shape. Most importantly an arcaded verandah was added. This design feature was introduced to American homes by landscape architect A J Downey. The verandah was attached to the side of the house and served as a gracious transition from the house to the garden. Plants were encouraged to grow on the open trellis cover of the verandah. In Summer, the plants provided a leafy coolness to the house.

In Winter, when there were no leaves, the sun could shine through the trellis to warm the house. The floor plan was also different from the English. It was laid out to allow for the natural flow of traffic as opposed to the narrow corridors and several flights of stairs of the "upstairs-downstairs maid" approach of the English homes giving more usable interior space. This less formal floor plan and the addition of the verandah gave a less rigid shape to the American interpretation than to the English Italianate. In 1860 the East Coast Italianate was the most popular style in America and continued to be so until the late 1880's. Meanwhile the plan books tended to simplify the Italianate as the popularity of the style moved Westward. From the mid 1800's to the end of the century, the plan book styles including the Italianate became the most popular way to interpret styles for the middle class worker.



Flat Front Italianate

Aboriginal Indians of the Point Richmond Area

Wm. L Thompson

William L. Thompson, often called Louis by his friends, was born in Point Richmond on February 17th, 1909, lived on Scenic Avenue, graduated from Richmond Union High School and was the first native Richmondite to go through medical school. Dr. Thompson began his practice in 1940 at 9th & Macdonald, later moving to 32nd & Macdonald until that building was sold, at which time he moved to an office on Broadway. In 1979, at age 70 and after 39 years, he retired officially from medical practice. However, his many loyal, local patients continue to call him for advice. Thanks to Dr. Thompson for his valuable contributions to our written archives. Here is our eighth series from Dr. Thompson, in which he describes the Indians who lived in the Bay Area before most current inhabitants arrived

Part Four

.....Most of their camp sites were along the shore and the rise of the water would have obliterated them. However, they were probably similar to the middle group, but culturally inferior. Remains of the early horizon people in the Delta region were most likely buried under silt accumulated during the Gold Rush due to hydraulic mining.

The Indians of the Point Richmond hills all seem to have been late horizon. However a site was found which made me wonder. A man living near the little

El Cerrito in the Richmond Annex was digging in his back yard when suddenly about three feet down he struck human bones. The police were called and the coroner's office was notified and I went out to view the discovery. The remains were those of a young man buried in a position of flexed exhumation, on his right side, with his head pointed due west. With the body were several artifacts made of obsidian. There was a large edged piece seven or eight inches long, probably used as a knife or a large spear point. There also was a small single-edged scraper and two rather large points about three and a half inches long, either small spear or atlatl points. These seemed middle horizon and the skeleton confirmed that. The next morning I called Dr. Heiser at U.C., and he was quite interested. One of his associates, Dr. Elsasser, came to examine the site. Dr. Elsasser was amazed. This man's back yard was a shell mound, of which there was no previous knowledge. This proved that some shell mound makers had been of the middle horizon. Some of the Point Richmond mounds could have an earlier

history than we thought. I wish I could have examined the burials found at Potrero Point.

Incidentally, in this case we were able to determine the cause of death. This 22 year old male had died of osteomyelitis of the pelvic bones, a bone infection due to some penetrating injury. Middle horizon peoples were much more warlike than Indian cultures that followed, so this wound was either a war accident or a hunting accident. One of the hip joints had been ankylosed and was completely solid, so that in order to bring the body into a flexed position, it was necessary to fracture the femur. This man was probably a member of the Ellis Landing facies of the middle horizon, which would place the time at about 3200 years ago, or about the time King Tut was alive in Egypt.

Very early, during the last Ice Age, the Point Richmond hills were definitely a part of the mainland. At that time the sea level was about 380 feet below the present level, so the San Francisco Bay would have been only a river. During this time there was no

evidence of human habitation in the region. With the melting of the ice the sea level gradually rose to its present level and the hills were essentially an island. With the obstruction of the channel by the Santa Fe tracks the area silted up. My mother told me that when she came here in 1902, small boats and barges were sometimes tied up along the south side of the tracks.



Obsidian quarrying and chipping

Delphina Franco moved to Point Richmond as a child of three. This is the third installment in a series of articles about her experiences in Point Richmond beginning in the early 1920's.

Point Richmond in the 1920's

by Delphina Franco

Recreation

Part Four

Another do-it-yourself recreation was inspired by the sometimes frosty weather in Point Richmond. At one time Albert and Cesar Frosini's mother had had a drygoods store on I believe Richmond Avenue. It was on our way to school close to the railroad tracks. Since the level ground on which the foundation was built was below the level of the sidewalk, the floor of the wooden building was level with the sidewalk but at the back of the floor there was a drop of perhaps three feet. When the building burned down, the firefighters were able to save the floor and the foundation, but the walls and roof were no more.. One frosty morning the wooden floor was completely covered with frosty crystals and first one boy after another was skidding across the expanse and jumping at the last minute to the ground below. It looked like a lot of fun and the boys were cheered on by the onlookers. It was like an impromptu dance with no two boys stepping to the choreography. Everyone seemed to be having a good time, but it was stopped and everyone was forbidden to ever skid across the

frosty floor again. Either someone told or a boy got hurt.

On Saturdays we could talk our parents out of thirty cents which broke down to ten cents to ride each way to 5th and Macdonald and ten cents to get into the "flea house" as the movie theatre was nicknamed. However, we decided since that was the maximum amount we could successfully wangle, we would walk the five miles to the theatre and with the ten cents saved, we could buy candy and since every candy bar was five cents with the exception of the Mars bar at 10 cents, we could happily indulge. We would just start our earlier and my riding the streetcar after the show we could get home on time. It was a long show with several cartoons, the news, the main show (or a double feature) and two or more "cliffhangers". What a joy it was several years ago to see the Indiana Jones movies almost identical to these thrilling old serials. However, I felt a little cheated because the movie continued after the hero was hanging by a fraying rope over the pit of vipers or the beautiful heroine was able to be rescued before the dastardly villain could be foiled in his infamous scheme to make her his. It was at the climax of these evil deeds that the serial used to stop to be continued next week, thereby insuring that we would be back. All week long I would let my imagination build up to the climax and I would get delicious cold chills while I would try to solve how the hero or heroine would escape — I knew they always would — those movies always turned out right — no reality there. One day there was a talent show and Melba Ghieri sang In a Little Spanish Town and won \$10, a lot of money then. I remember wishing I had tried; it would have been nice winning that much money.

CHINESE CHICKEN SALAD

a recipe by Kelly Darling

(Ophra has Rosie but Kelly has fought weight battle by modifying her own recipes which she shares here with us. Toasted Sesame seeds are the only fat in this recipe and may be omitted.)

1/2 head purple cabbage
1/2 head napa cabbage
1/4 cup fresh cilantro chopped
1 cup rice wine vinegar
2/3 cup low sodium soy sauce
1 bulb garlic chopped
1 med white or yellow onion, sliced
1/4 cup sugar
4 skinless chicken breasts
1 cup toasted chow mein noodles
green onions or chives
toasted sesame seeds

-Chop cabbages and cilantro, Set aside
-Dressing: combine vinegar, soy sauce, garlic, onion & sugar.
-Place chicken in baking dish and cover with dressing. Bake 1/2 hour @400°.-
-Pour off dressing, let chicken cool and then chop into small cubes.
-Toss cabbage, chicken and dressing.
- Garnish with fresh green onions or chives and noodles. I use a shake or two of sesame seeds for flavor.

CORRECTION: NO FAT CHILI RECIPE

Kelly says, "I forgot the most important ingredient in the Chili-garlic! I usually put a bulb in the whole batch.

Also: Reader Ruth Woodfeldt called our attention to the fact the recipe should read 1/2 teaspoon of cumin

Sports Memories

by Allan Smith

The Oakland Museum has an excellent exhibit of "Runs, Hits and an Era" commemorating the old Pacific Coast League. The exhibit will run until October.

It brought back memories of watching talented young players like Joe DiMaggio and Ted Williams before they entered the Big Leagues. The Oakland Oaks and San Francisco Seals rivalry featuring the split Sunday double-headers with a game in Oakland's Emeryville park in the morning and then in San Francisco Seals stadium in the afternoon were always popular.

Point Richmond's own Loyd Christopher, who played many years with the Oakland Oaks, is represented in the exhibit. The Pacific Coast League was disbanded in 1958.

Baseball fans should not miss the television series on Baseball now being shown on PBS channels titled "Baseball: A National Heirloom". As youngsters on the West Coast, we were never able to see a Big League Game or players until 1958. Now, watching this television series, we are able to see on film Big League players we dreamed about in our youth.





ANNUAL COUNTRY FAIRE

October 21 -22,1994

(Friday and Saturday)

**Historic Point Methodist Church
West Richmond Avenue at Martina**

⇒ A gourmet country luncheon will be served on Friday from noon until 1:30 p.m. Homemade soup and chili, as well as homemade pies will be offered all day Saturday.

⇒ The United Methodist Women have prepared holiday crafts that include country Christmas ornaments, holiday wreaths, baby blankets, plants, Halloween and Thanksgiving table decor, Twice Loved Dolls, fun trinkets, and the unequalled home baked breads, coffee cakes, pies, cakes, cookies.

⇒ Proceeds from this event fund the ongoing restoration of the 1906 church building listed in the National Historic District. Costly repairs to the many gabled church roof are a priority as is a new furnace for Friendship Hall.

⇒ Luncheon reservations are appreciated and those on a limited lunch may make reservations by calling Oretta Eaton, 234-0780.

Friendship

Two old ladies, we sit down to tea,
I'm ninety-four and she's ninety-three.
I hate her and she hates me;
But we're the only ones left, you see.

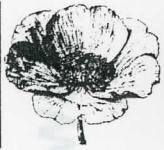
We meet every Wednesday at half-past three.
I go to her, then she comes to me.
I bore her and she bores me-
But we're the only ones left, you see.

She talks of her Harry, and I of Fred,
And all the things they did and said;
We both tell lies and never agree;
But we're the only ones left, you see.

She boasts of the party at Number 3
When Fred kissed her instead of me;
But I still wear his ring, so int's plain to see
Why I hate her and she hates me.

Never trust your best friend, they say,
And I don't trust her, not to this day.
But they're all gone - so pour some more tea;
For we're the only ones left, you see...

-Pat Antell, age 95



The Poppy

Washington School

June, 1922

This 6" X 9" faded green construction covered booklet has an orange crayon poppy on the cover and is tied together on the left side with a faded half-inch wide orange satin ribbon. The purple mimeograph lettering is also faded with age. The original writing insided is by hand. This is the fifth installment.)

An April Fool Joke

One Saturday afternoon, the day of April 1, I was on my way to Oakland with my mother, brother and sister. My brother was driving and we were going on very smoothly. He looked back and said he saw a purse in the middle of the street. I saw it, too. He stopped the machine and told me to go after it.

I ran back after it for it was quite a distance behind us. When I stooped to pick it up and had my hand about two inches from it, it slipped away. I tried to pick it up again, but again it was pulled away. I began to wonder what did that. I looked around and I saw a thread tied to the purse. It was so small it was barely noticeable. I followed it and saw that it went behind the corner of a fence. At that moment two boys jumped out from behind the fence. They were laughing as if they couldn't stop. They had been lying behind the fence in the tall grass and couldn't be seen. When I tried to pick it up they pulled the thread.

I went back and told them about it. They all laughed but I didn't think it such a good joke as they did and I said to myself that I would never pick up the purse on April 1 again.

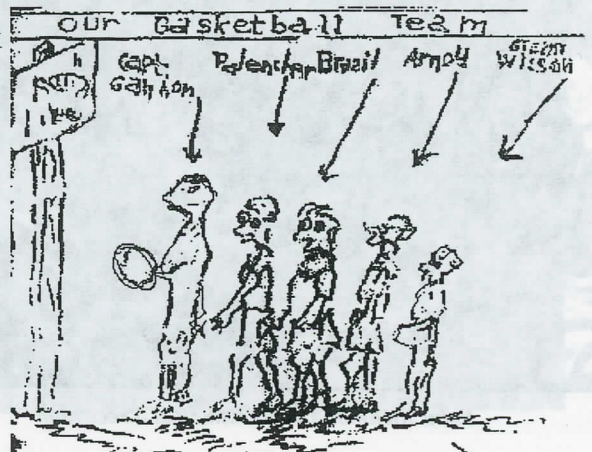
Howard: "What time is it when the clock strikes thirteen?"

Joe P: "I don't know."

Howard: "It's time for the clock to be fixed."

Teacher: "If your parents each gave you a quarter, how much would you have?"

Willie: "I wouldn't have enough to see the circus."





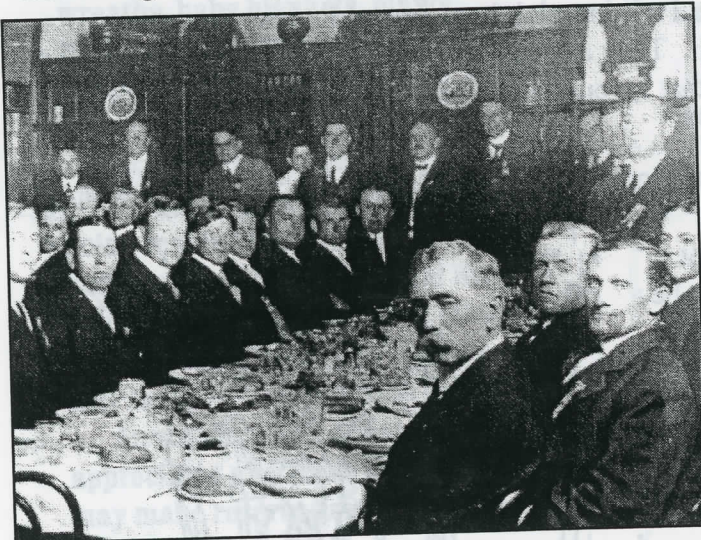
Your Westside Library

*By Lynn Whitson
Branch Librarian*

Automation is Coming!! The Library continues to put every effort behind making an on-line catalog a reality. Barbara Moran, Director of Human Services said in the Synopsis of Budget Presentation, "this is something that is essential or the library will no longer be a contemporary, usable library." She goes on to point out that even the catalog cards we are now using have become difficult to purchase.

We are eagerly anticipating automation at the Branches, additional terminals are being planned and a fax machine. The fax machine will be courtesy of the Friends of the Library. We are considering where to put terminals and how to install them. Before we go on-line we must inventory the entire Richmond Public Library collection, an enormous task! The Branches have been completed and now the team is working on the Main Library.

The Library has a very dedicated, hard-working "automation team", they put together a RFP (Request For Purchase) which describes our situation and anticipates our needs. Soon we hope to be selecting a vendor. Once we are on-line we will have key word searching and quick response time, more subject headings and bibliographic information for each record. We will have the option of adding even more services at a later date.



Point Richmond businessmen at a reception

The mystery boy from the last issue was
Russell Read,
now here is his 1936 second grade class.
Their names will be in the November issue.



Deaths

William A. Lucas a self-employed entrepreneur investor for 20 years, died of heart failure in a Richmond hospital. He was 73.

A Detroit, Mich., native was a 28-year resident of West County. He was a member of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, both of Richmond. He also was a retired Army major and a veteran of World War II and the Korean conflict.

He is survived by his daughters, Barbara Woods of Discovery Bay, Patricia Lucas of Idaho and Louise Lucas of Washington; sons, William Lucas, Jr. of Massachusetts and Joseph Lucas of Rossmoor; and nine grandchildren.

Elisabeth Stephanie Kelton Coles, a communications and personal-training specialist for various companies, died in a Berkeley hospital on September 8th after a one month illness. She was 45

The Culver City native was a longtime resident of Point Richmond. She was a member of the Masquers Playhouse in Point Richmond.

She is survived by a daughter, Indra Coles of Point Richmond; parents, Dorothy and George Kelton of Kensington; sister, Erika Kelton of Washington, D.C.; brother, Christopher Kelton of San Francisco; and companion Henry Swan of Berkeley.

Robert Joseph Gozzi, retired after 20 years as a carpenter for Arntz Brothers died Friday in his San Leandro home. The cause of his death was unavailable. He was 55.

The Richmond native lived in West County

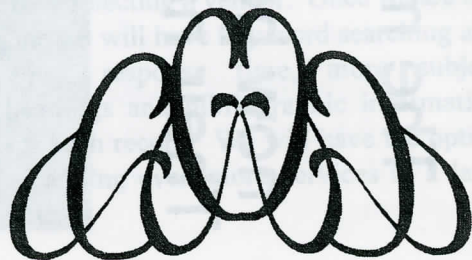
before moving to San Leandro. He was a member of Carpenters Union Local 22, San Francisco.

He is survived by his daughters, Angela Bisignano of Redondo Beach, Marlene Gozzi of Topanga and Kathleen Gozzi of Malibu; father, Leopoldo Gozzi of Point Richmond; sisters, Diana Collins of San Pablo and Nilda Reed of Richmond; and one grandchild.

Genevieve Smith, in Jackson, California on Monday, September 19, 1994. Age 72. Genevieve was the mother of the Reverend Charles Smith, student pastor at the Point Methodist Church from July 1984 to June 1987. Energetic, positive and gutsy Genevieve never allowed her respiratory disability to interfere with her ability to socialize, cook and get around. She parlayed the 'six-months-to-live' into another eleven years, always setting a goal to live for.

She is survived by her son, Charles, daughter-in-law, Cathy Smith; grandchildren, Stacy, Casie and Zachary Smith.

Funeral services were held in Weldon, California with a Memorial service in Jackson on Saturday, October 1, 1994

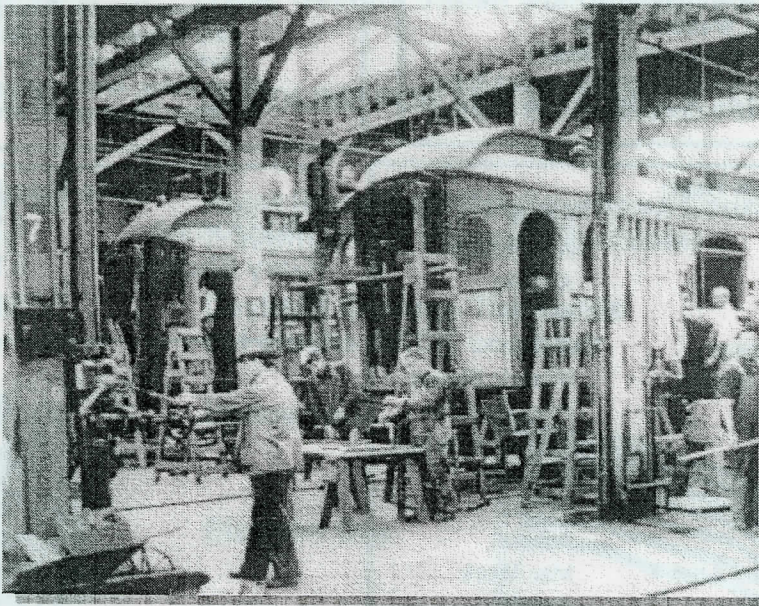


OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Terry Wynne
Jeff Albro
Jean Moyle Spiersch
Mildred Paeth
Marguerite Clutts
Linda Pereira
Rosy Roselius
Timothy Doherty
Helen Frosini

Florence Wilson
Justin Kaufman
Betty Glass Marshall
Jerry Daniel
Nellie Bisio Pasquini
Jeff Ward
Kate Lord
Marian Tedrick
Jodi Bagley

Vern Valentine
Brian Tedrick
Charlie Dutrow
Rich Weirick
Todd Cort
Nathan Berman
Chris Ward
Grace Cerkowicz



Interior of Pullman Shops, about 1916

Be wary of giving advice. Wise men don't need it & fools won't heed it.

-Lloyd Shearer

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Calendar

October, 1994

October 4
Tuesday

**Women's Westside Improvement Club Meeting,
11:30am Point Methodist Church**

October 10
Monday

Columbus Day

October 12
Wednesday

**Point Richmond Business Association Meeting
Noon, The Hotel Mac**

October 20
Thursday

1984, Second Indian Statue Dedicated

October 21
Friday

DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE OF TPIT

October 25
Tuesday

**Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Meeting,
7:30pm, Point Community Center**

October 30
Sunday

**Daylight Savings Time ends
set clocks BACK one hour**

October 31
Monday

Halloween

November 8
Tuesday

Election Day

